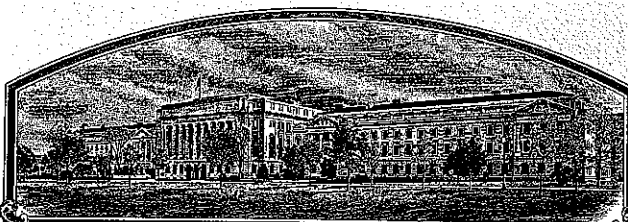


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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Research Seeds, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

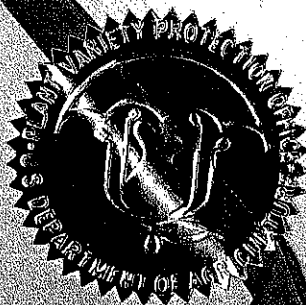
Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

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'WL 442'



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand one.

Attest:

Alan R. Post

Acting Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

W. M. Emerson

Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

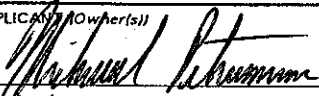
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate) AgriBioTech, Inc. Research Seeds, Inc.		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER W138	3. VARIETY NAME WL 442
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 120 Corporate Park Drive 225 Florence Road Henderson, NV 89014 St. Joseph Mo 64504 USA		5. TELEPHONE (include area code) (702) 566-2440 816-238-7333	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 200000014 DATE 10/20/99 FILING FEE DATE 10/20/99 CERTIFICATION FEE \$ 320.06 DATE 2.23.01
6. FAX (include area code) (702) 566-2450 816-238-7849		7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Medicago sativa L.	
8. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae		9. CROP KIND NAME (Common name) Alfalfa	
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name) Corporation		11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Nevada	
12. DATE OF INCORPORATION 9/12/89		13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS Michael Peterson W-L Research Inc. 8701 W. U.S. Highway 14 Evansville, WI 53536 USA	
14. TELEPHONE (include area code) (608) 882-4100 240-0636		15. FAX (include area code) (608) 882-5800	
16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse)			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety (Optional) e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,460), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to PVPO)			
17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act) <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," answer items 18 and 19 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no," go to item 20)			
18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," give names of countries and dates) <input type="checkbox"/> NO United States, December 1998			
21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate. The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) 		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))	
NAME (Please print or type) Michael A. Peterson		NAME (Please print or type)	
CAPACITY OR TITLE Research Director	DATE 10/18/99	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE

Exhibit A

Origin and Breeding History of WL 442

WL 442 is a 167-plant synthetic variety resulting from phenotypic recurrent selection for resistance to Verticillium wilt. Source material traces to two elite experimental lines selected for resistance to Phytophthora root rot. Parental germplasm traces to WL 457 (50%), WL 512 (30%), WL 450 (10%), and WL 504 (10%). The 167 parental selections were grown in an isolation cage at Warden, Washington. Breeder (Syn 1) seed was bulked (all seed from all plants) following harvest in 1997.

Type and Frequency of Variants

No variants are recognized in WL 442 beyond the limits given in Exhibit C.

Evidence of Uniformity and Stability

We have observed stability and uniformity in essential and distinguishing characteristics (e.g. disease resistance, fall dormancy, flower color) between the Syn 1 and Syn 2 generations of seed increase. WL 442 is as uniform as other alfalfa varieties previously accepted by State seed certification programs.

Exhibit B

Statement of Distinctness for WL 442

WL 442 is an intermediate dormancy (Group 7) variety that possesses superior pest (disease, insect, nematode) resistance, higher hay yield potential and greater persistence when compared to other alfalfa varieties with similar adaptation.

WL 442 is most similar to WL 457, without qualification. Looking at overall plant color, regrowth after cutting, fall dormancy and insect and nematode resistance suggests that WL 442 and WL 457 are very similar. However, there are significant differences in disease resistance between these two varieties that indicate that WL 442 and WL 457 are different. WL 442 is resistant to bacterial wilt (Table 2); WL 457 is moderately resistant to this disease. WL 442 is highly resistant to Verticillium wilt (Table 3); WL 457 displays low resistance to this disease. Finally, WL 442 is highly resistant to anthracnose (Race 1) (Table 4); WL 457 displays low resistance to this disease.

There are three additional alfalfa varieties which are similar to WL 442: WL 414, Parade and Sutter. However, distinct and significant differences exist between WL 442 and each of these three varieties.

WL 442 is similar to WL 414. However, WL 442 is a Group 7 dormancy variety (Table 1); WL 414 is a Group 6 dormancy variety. In addition, WL 442 displays high resistance to Verticillium wilt (Table 3); WL 414 is resistant to this disease.

WL 442 is also similar to Parade. However, WL 442 is resistant to bacterial wilt (Table 2); Parade is moderately resistant to this disease. In addition, WL 442 is highly resistant to the blue alfalfa aphid (Table 5); Parade is resistant to this insect pest.

WL 442 is also similar to Sutter. However, WL 442 is highly resistant to Verticillium wilt (Table 3); Sutter displays low resistance to this disease. Finally, WL 442 is highly resistant to the blue alfalfa aphid (Table 5); Sutter is moderately resistant to this insect pest.

WL 442
Exhibit B**Table 1 > Fall Dormancy Reaction* - Bakersfield, CA (1998)****Date Last Cut 9/26/98****Date Regrowth Scored 10/29/98**

<u>Entry</u> <u>(Dormancy Group)</u>	<u>Fall Height</u> <u>(Inches)</u>
Archer (5)	14.0
WL 414	16.5
ABI 700 (6)	17.1
Dona Ana (7)	19.4
WL 442	20.3
Pierce (8)	22.5
Mean (all entries)	19.3
LSD (.05)	1.94
CV (%)	6.76

*Fall dormancy was measured as natural plant height in a space-planted, four-replicate trial with approximately 45 plants/entry/replicate.

WL 442
Exhibit B

Table 2 > Bacterial Wilt Resistance* - Evansville, WI (1998)

<u>Entry</u>	<u>Unadjusted % Resistance</u>	<u>Adjusted % Resistance</u>	<u>A.S.I.</u>
WL 442	46	44	2.2
Vernal (R)	44	42	2.3
WL 457	25	24	3.1
Parade	24	23	3.1
Sonora (S)	1	1	4.3
Mean (all entries)	32		2.6
LSD (.05)	10		0.3
CV (%)	12		8.9

*Data obtained from a 3-replicate space-plant field nursery with approximately 75 plants/entry/replicate. Plants were scored on a 0-5 scale where 0 and 1 are resistant and 5 is dead.

WL 442
Exhibit B**Table 3 > Verticillium Wilt Resistance* - Evansville, WI (1998)**

<u>Entry</u>	<u>Unadjusted % Resistance</u>	<u>Adjusted % Resistance</u>	<u>A.S.I.</u>
Oneida VR (HR)	57	60	2.3
WL 442	55	58	2.3
WL 414	34	36	3.0
WL 457	13	14	3.7
Sutter	10	10	3.9
Saranac (S)	5	5	4.3
Mean (all entries)	31		3.3
LSD (.05)	9		0.2
CV (%)	24		6.1

*Data obtained from a 4-replicate growth room cone test with approximately 75 plants/entry/replicate. Plants were scored on 1-5 scale; 1 and 2 are resistant and 5 is a dead plant.

WL 442
Exhibit B**Table 4 > Anthracnose (Race 1) Resistance* - Evansville, WI (1998)**

<u>Entry</u>	<u>Unadjusted % Resistance</u>	<u>Adjusted % Resistance</u>
Arc (HR)	60	65
WL 442	54	59
WL 457	10	11
Saranac (S)	1	1
Mean (all entries)	25	
LSD (.05)	8	
CV (%)	23	

*Data was obtained from a 4-replicate greenhouse flat test with approximately 50 seedlings/entry/replicate. Percent resistance was based on % seedling survival.

Table 5 > Blue Alfalfa Aphid Resistance* - Bakersfield, CA (1998)

<u>Entry</u>	<u>Unadjusted % Resistance</u>	<u>Adjusted % Resistance</u>	<u>A.S.I.</u>
WL 442	56	64	2.3
Cuf 101 (R)	48	55	2.6
Parade	41	47	3.0
Sutter	25	29	3.5
Caliverde (S)	1	1	4.9
Mean (all entries)	46		2.8
LSD (.05)	4		0.3
CV (%)	5		9.1

*Data obtained from a 4-replicate greenhouse flat test with approximately 45 seedlings/entry/replicate. Plants were scored on a 1-5 scale with 1-3 resistant and 4-5 susceptible.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
EXHIBIT C
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

(Alfalfa)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
ALFALFA (*Medicago sativa*, *sensu* Gunn *et al.*)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) AgriBioTech, Inc.	2 FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY		
	PVPO NUMBER		
	VARIETY NAME WL 442		
	TEMPORARY OR EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNATION W138		

ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code)
120 Corporate Park Drive
Henderson, NV 89014

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY: Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the boxes below. Place a zero in the first box (e.g. or) when number is either 99 or less or 9 or less respectively. Data for quantitative plant characters should be based on a minimum of 100 plants. Comparative data should be determined from varieties entered in the same trial. Royal Horticultural Society or any recognized color standard may be used to determine plant colors; designate system used: Munsell color charts, 1st edition, 1952.
Please answer all questions for your variety; lack of response may delay progress of your application.

1. FALL DORMANCY: (DETERMINED FROM SPACED PLANTINGS)

TESTING INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DATE OF LAST CUT	DATE REGROWTH SCORED	REGROWTH SCORE OR AVERAGE HEIGHT						
			APPLICATION VARIETY	CHECK VARIETIES*					
				ABI 700	Sutter	Pio 5715	LSD .05	CV	\bar{X}
W-L Research Evansville, WI	9/10/96	10/12/96	7.8"	7.0"	7.8"	8.5"	0.5	8.5	7.2

(* The varieties in parentheses are acceptable check varieties; application varieties must be bracketed by check varieties)

3 CLASS

- 1 = Very Non-Dormant ('CUF 101', 'Mecca', '5929')
- 2 = Non-Dormant ('Moapa 69', '5715', 'Pierce')
- 3 = Non-Dormant ('Mesilla', 'Sutter', 'Malone')
- 4 = Moderately Dormant ('Lahontan', '581', 'Express')
- 5 = Moderately Dormant ('Excalibur', 'Du Puits', '555')
- 6 = Moderately Dormant ('Saranac', 'WL 316', 'Legend')
- 7 = Dormant ('Ranger', 'Arrow', 'WL 317')
- 8 = Dormant ('Vernal', '526', 'Wrangler')
- 9 = Very Dormant ('Norseman', '5151', 'Spredor 2')

Specify scoring system used: Height in inches from a replicated space-plant nursery
4 replicates, 40 plants/replicate

3 FALL GROWTH HABIT (Determined from Fall Dormancy Trials)

- 1 = Erect ('CUF 101')
- 3 = Semi-Erect ('Mesilla')
- 5 = Intermediate ('Saranac AR')
- 7 = Semi-Decumbent ('Vernal')
- 9 = Decumbent ('Norseman')

2. RECOVERY AFTER FIRST SPRING CUT (In Southwest, first cut after March 21):

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1=Very fast ('CUF 101') 3= Fast ('Mesilla') 5=Intermediate ('Ranger') 7=Slow ('Vernal')
 9=Very slow ('Norseman')

TEST LOCATION: Lodi, California

3. AREAS OF ADAPTATION IN U.S. :

Describe the area for which this variety is adapted; that is, define geographically, or in terms of climate and soils, the region(s) in which it may reasonably be expected to perform well.

THIS CHARACTERIZATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY TEST LOCATIONS AND DATA ON PERSISTENCE.

WL 442 is well-adapted to the Southwestern United States, including the central valley of California, the northern half of Arizona and New Mexico, and Southwestern Nevada. Please see yield and persistence data supporting this adaptation claim in attachment C-1.

4. FLOWERING DATE (When 10% of plants possesses open flowers at time of first spring cut):

0 3
 0
 0 4

Days earlier than 3
 Same as 2
 Days later than 1



Please make all 3 comparisons if possible.

1='CUF 101' 2='Mesilla' 3='Saranac'
 4='Vernal' 5='Norseman'

Test location Bakersfield, California

5. PLANT COLOR (Determined from healthy regrowth 3 weeks after first spring cut, controlling leafhoppers if necessary):

3

1= Very Dark Green ('524') 2=Dark Green ('Vernal') 3=Light Green ('Ranger')

Color Chart Value (Specify chart used) Munsell Color Co. 1977 (Tissue color charts)

Application Variety 6/6

Vernal 4/6

Test Location Bakersfield, California

6. CROWN TYPE (Determined from spaced plants):

3

Non-creeping types 1=Broad ('Vernal') 2=Intermediate ('Saranac AR') 3=Narrow ('CUF 101')

Creeping types 4=Creeping rooted ('Rangelander') 5=Rhizomatous ('Rhizoma')

7. FLOWER COLOR (Determine frequency of plants for each color class as defined by USDA Agricultural Handbook No. 424 (Barnes 1972), allowing all plants in plot to flower):

1 0 0
 0 0 0
 0 0 0

% Purple and Violet (Subclasses 1.1 to 1.4)

0

% Yellow (Subclasses 4.1 to 4.4)

% Variegated (Subclasses 2.1 to 2.9)

0

% White (Class 5)

% Cream (Class 3)

Test Location Yuma, Arizona

8. POD SHAPE (Determine frequency of plants with the following pod shapes produced on well cross-pollinated racemes):

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1	0	0
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% Tightly coiled (one or more coils, center more or less closed).

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% Loosely coiled (one or more coils, center conspicuously open).

		0
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% Sickie (less than one coil).

Test location Bakersfield, California

9. PEST AND DISEASE RESISTANCE: Provide in the appropriate space, trial data for application variety and appropriate resistant (R) and susceptible (S) check varieties, resistance class, year tested, synthetic generation tested, number of plants tested, least significant difference statistics (LSD .05), coefficient of variance (CV), experimental mean (\bar{x}), the institution in charge of test, and location of test, and whether test is a field or laboratory evaluation. Data must be from tests conducted by private firms, agricultural experiment stations or USDA. Describe scoring system and any test procedure which differs from those approved by the NAAIC. Resistance levels should be characterized using % resistant plants as follows: S<6%, LR=6-14%, MR=15-30%, R=31-50%, HR>50%. Checks should be based on long term resistance averages as approved by the NAAIC. Data must be adjusted to the long term mean of the resistant check variety. Supply both adjusted and unadjusted values. Trial data from other test years or locations should be presented whenever available on a separate document as Exhibit D. Seeds of the check varieties and germplasm lines below can be obtained from the USDA Soybean & Alfalfa Research Laboratory, Bldg. 002, Rm. 10, BARC-West, Beltsville, MD, 20705. Comparison is required with check varieties listed below; data must be adjusted according to the expected value of the resistant check. State who made the adjustment

A. DISEASE RESISTANCE:

ANTHRACNOSE (RACE 1) (*Colletotrichum trifolii*)Test conducted by W-L Research at Evansville, Wisconsin

Variety	Resistance Class/ Expected Value	Syn. Gen. Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety	HR	Syn 1	65	73	210
1. 'Arc' or	HR 65%		--	--	--
2. 'Saranac AR'	R 45%		40	45	205
3. 'Saranac'	S		0	0	196
L.S.D. (.05)			11		
C.V. (%)			23		
\bar{x}			35		

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested Laboratory/1995Scoring system used Percent resistance based on seedling survivalANTHRACNOSE (RACE 2) (*Colletotrichum trifolii*)Test conducted by not tested

at _____

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety					
1. 'Saranac AR'	R 45%				
2. 'Arc' or	S				
3. 'Saranac'	S				
L.S.D. (.05)					
C.V. (%)					
\bar{x}					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested _____

Scoring system used _____

APHANOMYCES ROOT ROT (Race 1) (*Aphanomyces euteiches*)Test conducted by Not tested

at _____

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 'WAPH-1' 2. 'Agate'	R 50% S 1%				
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) x					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested _____

Scoring system used _____

APHANOMYCES ROOT ROT (Race 2) (*Aphanomyces euteiches*)Test conducted by Not tested

at _____

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 'WAPH-1' 2. 'Agate'	R 50% S 1%				
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) x					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested _____

Scoring system used _____

BACTERIAL WILT (*Clavibacter michiganense*)Test conducted by W-L Researchat Evansville, Wisconsin

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 'Vernal' 2. 'Narragansett' 3. or 'Sonora'	R R 42% S 1% S 1%	Syn 1	31 32 -- 4	41 42 -- 5	192 235 -- 238
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) x			11 15 33		

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested Field/1997Scoring system used Plants scored on 0-5 scale where 0 and 1 are resistant and 5 is dead.

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COMMON LEAFSPOT (*Pseudopeziza medicaginis*)

Test conducted by Not tested

at

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 'MSA-CW3ANS3' 2. or 'Ramsey' 3. 'Ranger' 4. 'Moapa 69'	HR 60% HR 60% MR 30% S 0-10%				
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) x					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested

Scoring system used

DOWNY MILDEW (*Peronospora trifoliorum*)

Isolate, if known

Test conducted by Not Tested

at

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 'KS208' 2. 'Saranac' isolates 15 & 17 isolate 18 3. 'Kanza'	HR 80% MR 15-20% R 50-60% S 0-5%				
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) x					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested

Scoring system used

FUSARIUM WILT (*Fusarium oxysporum* f. *medicaginis*)

Test conducted by W-L Research

at Evansville, Wisconsin

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 'Agate' 2. 'MNGN-1'	HR HR 54% S 4%	Syn 1	57 45 6	68 54 7	175 235 198
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) x			20 23 36		

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested Field/1997

Scoring system used 0-5 scale where 0 and 1 are resistant and 5 is dead

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PHYTOPHTHORA ROOT ROT (*Phytophthora megasperma* f. *medicaginis*)Test conducted by W-L Research at Evansville, Wisconsin

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety	HR	Syn 1	66	60	215
1. 'Agate' MnPD-1	R 43%		51	46	230
2. 'Saranac'	S 3%		3	3	244
L.S.D. (.05)			14		
C.V. (%)			15		
\bar{x}			40		

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested Greenhouse/1996Scoring system used Percent resistance based on seedling survival.VERTICILLIUM WILT (*Verticillium albo-atrum*)Test conducted by W-L Research at Evansville, Wisconsin

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety	HR	Syn 1	55	56	205
1. 'Vertus' or	R 40%		--	--	--
2. 'Oneida VR'	HR 60%		59	60	194
3. 'Saranac'	S 2%		4	4	187
L.S.D. (.05)			10		
C.V. (%)			25		
\bar{x}			39		

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested Greenhouse/1995Scoring system used Plants scored 1-5; 1 and 2 are resistant and 5 is a dead plant.

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

Test conducted by _____ at _____

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety					
1.					
2.					
3.	S				
L.S.D. (.05)					
C.V. (%)					
\bar{x}					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested _____

Scoring system used _____

B. INSECT RESISTANCE:

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BLUE ALFALFA APHID (*Acyrtosiphon kondoi*)Test conducted by W-L Research at Bakersfield, California

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety	HR	Syn 1	62	57	172
1. 'CUF 101'	HR 55%		60	55	181
2. 'PA-1' or	S 10%		--	--	--
3. 'Caliverde'	S 3%		4	4	167
L.S.D. (.05)			7		
C.V. (%)			11		
\bar{x}			42		

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested Greenhouse/1995Scoring system used Plants scored on 1-5 scale with 1-3 resistant and 4-5 susceptible.PEA APHID (*Acyrtosiphon pisum*)Test conducted by W-L Research at Bakersfield, California

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety	HR	Syn 1	67	85	185
1. 'CUF 101' or	HR 55%		--	--	--
2. 'PA-1' or	HR 55%		43	55	197
3. 'Baker'	R 45%		--	--	--
4. 'Yernal' or	S 5%		--	--	--
5. 'Moapa 69'	S 5%		6	8	182
L.S.D. (.05)			14		
C.V. (%)			17		
\bar{x}			39		

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested Greenhouse/1995Scoring system used Plants scored on 1-5 scale where 1-3 is resistant and 4-5 is susceptible.SPOTTED ALFALFA APHID (*Therioaphis maculata*)Test conducted by W-L Research at Bakersfield, California

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety	HR	Syn 1	80	68	165
1. 'CUF 101' or	HR 60%		71	60	159
2. 'Baker'	R 50%		--	--	--
3. 'Arc' or	S 3%		--	--	--
4. 'Caliverde'	S 3%		2	2	187
L.S.D. (.05)			9		
C.V. (%)			9		
\bar{x}			51		

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested Greenhouse/1995Scoring system used Plants scored on 1-5 scale where 1-2 are resistant and 3-5 are susceptible.

B. INSECT RESISTANCE: (continued)

POTATO LEAFHOPPER YELLOWING (*Empoasca fabae*)

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Test conducted by Not tested

at _____

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 'MSA-CW3AN3' 2. 'Ranger'	R 70% S 5%				
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) \bar{x}					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested _____

Scoring system used _____

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

Test conducted by _____

at _____

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 2. 3.	S				
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) \bar{x}					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested _____

Scoring system used _____

C. NEMATODE RESISTANCE:

NORTHERN ROOT KNOT NEMATODE (*Meloidogyne hapla*)Test conducted by W-L Researchat Warden, Washington

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 'Nevada Syn XX' 2. 'Lahontan'	MR HR 90% S 3%	Syn 1	21 75 1	25 90 11	290 296 273
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) \bar{x}			16 17 22		

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested Greenhouse/1998Scoring system used Based on root gall score of 1-4; 1=resistant and 2-4=susceptible

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SOUTHERN ROOT KNOT NEMATODE (*Meloidogyne incognita*)

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Test conducted by Crop Characteristics at Farmington, Minnesota

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety	R	Syn 1	37	38	350
1. 'Moapa 69'	R 50%		49	50	330
2. 'Lahontan'	S 3%		1	1	345
L.S.D. (.05)			7		
C.V. (%)			14		
\bar{x}			29		

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested Greenhouse/1997Scoring system used Based on root gall scale of 1-4; 1 is resistant, 2-4 are susceptibleSTEM NEMATODE (*Ditylenchus dipsaci*)Test conducted by W-L Research at Warden, Washington

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety	HR	Syn 1	47	56	310
1. 'Vernema' or	R 60%		50	60	294
2. 'Lahontan'	R 40%		--	--	--
3. 'Ranger' or	S 5%		6	7	305
4. 'Moapa 69'	S 1%		--	--	--
L.S.D. (.05)			3		
C.V. (%)			5		
\bar{x}			34		

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested Greenhouse/1995Scoring system used Plants scored 1-5; 1 and 2 are resistant and 5 is a dead plant.

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

Test conducted by _____ at _____

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety					
1.					
2.					
3.					
L.S.D. (.05)					
C.V. (%)					
\bar{x}					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested _____

Scoring system used _____

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

Test conducted by _____ at _____

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 2. 3.	S				
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) \bar{x}					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested_____

Scoring system used _____

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

Test conducted by _____ at _____

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 2. 3.	S				
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) \bar{x}					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested_____

Scoring system used _____

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

Test conducted by _____ at _____

Variety	Resistance Class	Synthetic Generation Tested	Unadjusted % Resistance	Adjusted % Resistance	Number of Plants Tested
This Variety 1. 2. 3.	S				
L.S.D. (.05) C.V. (%) x					

Field or Laboratory/ Year Tested_____

Scoring system used _____

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WL 442
Attachment C-1

B. Persistence.

Enter dates of both initial and final stand estimates. Data must come from the area of adaptation and from stands at least 24 months old.
Comparison data is needed on two (2) check varieties.

Test Location	Syn Gen	Date Seeded Mo/Yr	Number of Years Harvested	Number of Harvests	Date of Readings (Mo/Yr) Initial/Final	% Stand			LSD	CV% .05
						This Variety Initial/Final	---Check Varieties--- Archer Initial/Final	WL 457 Initial/Final		
Lodi, CA 1 Willow Sprs, 1 CA		10/94	3	19	12/94/11/97	95/78	98/70	95/65	10.2	10.5
		9/95	2	9	11/95/11/97	98/80	95/80	95/75	12.5	9.5

Summarize Forage Yield Data below:

Test Location	Date Planted Mo/Yr	Syn Gen	Year Hvst	No. Cuts	Total Yield (DM T/A)				LSD	CV% .05
					1. This Variety	2. WL 323	3. Archer	4. WL 457		
Willow Sprs, CA	9/95	1	1996	4	5.15	5.05	5.10	4.91	0.20	3.51
			1997	5	8.88	8.85	9.02	8.91	0.41	3.99
Lodi, CA	10/94	1	1995	7	11.90	10.62	11.36	11.64	0.71	4.19
			1996	7	14.58	13.67	14.11	12.61	0.96	4.75
			1997	5	9.58	9.76	10.15	10.52	0.55	7.06
Lodi, CA	12/95	1	1996	6	13.73	11.13	12.24	12.90	0.77	4.25
			1997	5	12.72	10.53	11.35	9.98	0.65	6.75

	Number of Years Harvested	Total Number of Harvests	Mean Annual Yield	
			This Variety	
Ck 2 Comparison	<u>7</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>10.93</u>	<u>9.94</u>
Ck 3 Comparison	<u>7</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>10.93</u>	<u>10.48</u>
Ck 4 Comparison	<u>7</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>10.93</u>	<u>10.21</u>

Exhibit D**Additional Description of Variety**

WL 442 is a very high-yielding, intermediate dormancy (Group 7) alfalfa variety adapted for hay, green chop and dehydration uses in the southwestern United States. WL 442 displays superior disease, insect and nematode resistance and greater persistence when compared to other alfalfas with similar fall growth and adaptation.

WL 442 also displays superior forage quality (% crude protein, % TDN (total digestible nutrients) % RFV (relative feed value) when compared to competitive varieties (see below).

Forage Quality* - Lodi, California (1999)
Test Seeded October 1998

<u>Entry</u>	<u>% Crude Protein</u>	<u>% TDN</u>	<u>Relative Feed Value</u>
WL 442	25.8	58.8	228
DK 166	25.6	58.3	226
Tulare	25.0	58.1	219
Dura 843	23.4	58.0	219
Tahoe	24.4	57.7	217
WL 525 HQ	23.5	57.6	207
Mean	24.6	58.1	219
LSD (.05)	0.7	0.6	9
CV (%)	2.8	2.9	4.2

*Forage quality data (% CP, % TDN, RFV) averaged over three harvests (4 replicates/harvest) in June, August and September, 1999.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE**EXHIBIT E**
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) AgriBioTech, Inc. Research Seeds, Inc.	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER W138	3. VARIETY NAME WL 442
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP, and Country) 120 Corporate Park Drive 225 Florence Road Henderson, NV 89014 St. Joseph MO 64504 United States	5. TELEPHONE (include area code) 816 - 238 - 7333 (702) - 566 - 2440	6. FAX (include area code) 816 - 238 - 7849 (702) - 566 - 2450
8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? If no, give name of country		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
10. Is the applicant the original owner? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If no, please answer <u>one</u> of the following:		
a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If no, give name of country		
b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is(are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If no, give name of country		
11. Additional explanation on ownership (if needed, use reverse for extra space):		

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1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definition.

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